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## PROJECT CEASEFIRE

### **MARTINSVILLE, RAYMORE, PLEASANT HILL, INDEPENDENCE, KC, GLADSTONE FELONS, DRUG USERS INDICTED FOR FIREARMS, AMMUNITION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 12 individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms. Today's indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Junstin James Wink**, 23, of Martinsville, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Wink** was in possession of a Marlin .22-caliber lever-action rifle on Jan. 26, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Wink** has two 2002 criminal felony convictions for burglary and three 2002 criminal felony convictions for property damage, animal abuse and tampering.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Gentry County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation.

\* **Kawan R. Clark**, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Clark** was in possession of a Raven Arms .25-caliber pistol on Dec. 31, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Clark** has two 2000

criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for trafficking.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Clay County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Shelton Lamont Nevels**, 34, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Nevels** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Nov. 28, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Nevels** has two 1995 criminal felony convictions for trafficking and failure to appear and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for trafficking drugs.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jason T. Lamb**, 27, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of ammunition and possessing stolen mail.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Lamb** was in possession of a nine rounds of Federal 12-gauge shotgun shells and two rounds of Remington 12-gauge shotgun shells on Jan. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Lamb** has two 1997 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Lamb** unlawfully possessed five pieces of mail on Jan. 14, 2005, that had been stolen from a mail box.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Grain Valley, Mo., Police Department, the Independence, Mo., Police Department, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Andrew N. Svaglic**, 34, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Svaglic** was in possession of a Glock .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol on July 26, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The

indictment alleges that **Svaglic** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Chesley Lum Armstrong**, 50, of Raymore, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Armstrong** was in possession of a Stevens 12-gauge weapon made from a shotgun on Feb. 27, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Armstrong** has two 2000 criminal felony convictions for burglary and assault and a 1979 criminal felony conviction for homicide.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that the 12-gauge firearm had a barrel length of less than 18 inches and was not registered to **Armstrong** in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Raymore, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Mitchell A. Deadmond**, 44, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Deadmond** was in possession of a Mossberg .22-caliber rifle on Jan. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Deadmond** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 1996 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jason M. Grandstaff**, 29, of Gladstone, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Grandstaff** was in possession of a Remington .30-06-caliber rifle on Nov. 15, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Grandstaff** has a 2002 criminal felony conviction for non-support.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph W. Vanover. It was investigated by the Clinton County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jeremy L. White**, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **White** was in possession of a Remington 12-gauge shotgun on Oct. 2, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **White** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for forgery.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph W. Vanover. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Bobby D. Harris**, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Harris** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a Jennings .32-caliber pistol on Dec. 28, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Harris** was an unlawful user of marijuana at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph W. Vanover. It was investigated by the Riverside, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Gregory A. Rogers**, 37, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Rogers** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a Winchester .32-caliber rifle on Feb. 22, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Rogers** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine and marijuana at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Ryan G. Prater**, 25, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Prater** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a Beretta .40-caliber pistol on Jan. 11, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Prater** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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